

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 – 22 (cancelled)

23. (new) A domestic appliance, comprising:

at least one cover element;

at least one optical operation indicator that can be covered by the at least one cover element; and

at least one fibre optic coupled to the at least one optical operation indicator for transmitting at least one emitted light signal, the at least one fibre optic having a light route along which light is guided, the light route being configured such that it can be adapted to the thickness of the at least one cover element, and the at least one fibre optic being composed a first part and a second part that are displaceable relative to one another, the relative displacement of the first part and the second part of the at least one fibre optic permitting adaptation of the light route to the thickness of the at least one cover element.

24. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one fibre optic is displaceable relative to the at least one optical operation indicator for adapting the at least one light route to the thickness of the at least one cover element.

25. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, and further comprising a projection length on the at least one fibre optic for displacement of the at least one fibre optic relative to the at least one cover element so as to facilitate adaptation of the at least one light route to the thickness of the at least one cover element.

26. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 24, and further comprising a fixing device for fixedly securing the at least one fibre optic in a predetermined displacement position.
27. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one cover element is configured as a selected one of a front door, an appliance front cladding, and a work surface arranged in front of the appliance front cladding.
28. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one cover element includes edge areas and the at least one fibre optic is arranged in at least one of the edge areas of the at least one cover element.
29. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one cover element includes an upper edge area and the at least one fibre optic is arranged outside of the upper edge area of the at least one cover element.
30. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the coupling location of the at least one fibre optic is arranged at the at least one optical operation indicator in a location behind the at least one cover element.
31. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 30, and further comprising at least one passage aperture disposed in the at least one cover element and receiving therethrough the at least one fibre optic.
32. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the coupling location of the at least one fibre optic to the at least one optical operation indicator is arranged inside the housing of the domestic appliance.
33. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one fibre optic is configured as a selected one of a bar, a disk, and a cylinder.

34. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one fibre optic is configured as a selected one of a rigid fibre optic and a flexible fibre optic.
35. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one fibre optic is configured that the at least one emitted light signal is transferred onto the front side of the at least one cover element.
36. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one fibre optic is comprised of at least one glass fibre.
37. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one fibre optic is comprised of at least one plastic fibre.
38. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one optical operation indicator is operable to at least signal the operational states (ON, OFF) of the domestic appliance.
39. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one optical operation indicator includes at least one light-emitting diode.
40. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one optical operation indicator emits a light signal of a different colour for each of the different operational states (ON, OFF) of the domestic appliance.
41. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 38 and further comprising a plurality of fibre optics for transferring a light signal relating to the different operational states (ON, OFF) of the domestic appliance.
42. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 41, wherein the fibre optics are comprised of different colours for displaying the different operational states (ON, OFF) of the domestic appliance.
43. (new) The domestic appliance according to Claim 23, wherein the domestic appliance is a dishwasher.